him as a learned man, and as he was one also, he requested the loan of *vingt sous*. The doctor grew very uneasy, as he observed the man roll his eyes about *quærens quem devoret*, and thought his only chance of saving his purse and life was to acquiesce; accordingly, he dived into his greasy fob. Alas! no sous were there; Madame Anne had carried them all to market; so the poor physician was forced to lug out an *ecu*. " And, would you believe it!" he added, " the rascal jumped up and carried it off without return-ing the change I"*

February 16th, 1797.

I have this morning agreed upon all the terms of the general exchange of prisoners. It is a delightful idea that it should fall to my lot, and be in my power, *par un trait de plume*, to restore

* Young Baron de K was more prudent. The beautiful Madame, who was said to have purloined and pawned the jewels of one of her admirers, met K----------'s intimate friend, and said, " I have fallen in love with Monsieur de K-; bring him to me." The friend de-livered the message, upon which the Baron, who did not

possess even a gold brooch, ring, or the most trifling trinket, exclaimed, " Etes vous fou, mon ami, de me proposer une telle abomination ? Peste! si j'y allois, elle mes voleroit mes bijoux.*'